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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR RAPID CAPTURE OF PROGRAM
IDENTIFIER DATA IN A BROADBAND TRANSCODER MULTIPLEXER)

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

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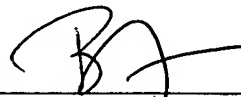
The references listed above were cited by the International Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicants' counterpart international patent application no. PCT/US03/22990 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

Copies of the above-listed foreign references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

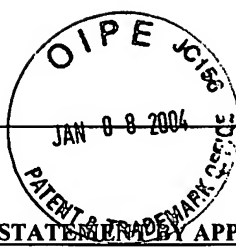
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